

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1036
By Jones S

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jeremy David Sledge on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Jeremy David Sledge, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of David and Ryn Sledge, Jeremy is a student at Ezell-Harding Christian School High School where he has demonstrated considerable ability as a leader among his peers; and

WHEREAS, a Charter Member of Boy Scout Troop 54, which is only 2 and a half years old, Jeremy is the first member of his troop to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 54 includes 24 Merit Badges, distinguished service as Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Predator Patrol Leader, Bugler, and Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, and service with the Order of the Arrow as Ordeal Member and Chapter Ceremony Team member; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy's Eagle project of developing the Lil Gethsemane Meditation Trail and Garden greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the Boy Scouts, Jeremy moved through the ranks of Cub Scout Pack 54 earning the God and Me Religious Emblem, God and Family Religious Emblem, two Gold Arrow Heads, twelve Silver Arrow Heads, twenty Webelos Activity

Badges, twenty-seven Belt Loops, two Academic Pins, five Sports Pins, and the Arrow of Light Award; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his laudable achievements as a Boy Scout, Jeremy has been selected to be a U.S. Student Ambassador to Australia and New Zealand, received the Tennessee Volunteer Commendation Award from the Governor, and he is a Black Belt in Wado Ryu Karate; and

WHEREAS, always aspiring to better his community, Jeremy has been an assiduous volunteer with the Children's Miracle Network, Bowling for Miracles, Math-A-Thon for St. Jude, and the Second Harvest Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, possessing a strong sense of public spirit at even a young age, Jeremy has founded two programs, Kick-A-Thon and A Penny is Plenty if Everyone Gives, to raise money for the local Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, both programs have been very successful, raising a combined total of five thousand dollars and Jeremy's goal for 2004 is to raise twenty-five thousand dollars; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy evinces devout religious faith as an active member of his church; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Mr. Jeremy Sledge as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jeremy David Sledge on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.